

Mandobo language

Mandobo, or **Kaeti**, is a Papuan language of Mandobo District in Boven Digoel Regency, Papua, Indonesia.

Evolution

Below are some Kaeti reflexes of proto-Trans-New Guinea proposed by Pawley (2012), drawn from McElhanon and Voorhoeve (1970).^{[3][4]}

Mandobo	
Dumut	
<i>Kaeti</i>	
Native to	Indonesia
Region	Mandobo District in Boven Digoel Regency, Papua
Native speakers	30,000 (2002) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Trans–New Guinea<ul style="list-style-type: none">Greater Awyu<ul style="list-style-type: none">Awyu–Dumut<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dumut<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mandobo</div>
Dialects	<div>BawahAtasKokenop</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: <div>bwp – MandoboBawahaax – MandoboAtas</div>
Glottolog	mand1473 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/mand1473) ^[2]

proto-Trans-New Guinea	Kaeti
*mangat[a] 'teeth, mouth'	magot
*mVkvVm 'cheek'	(a)moka (cf. Axu moxo pe)
*mangV 'compact round object'	(Axu mügo 'egg')
*amu 'breast'	am
*k(o,u)ma(n,ŋ)[V] 'neck, nape'	koman
*kumV- 'die'	kün (cf. Sawuy xom-, Wambon N. & Wambon S. kim-)
*mVkvVm 'cheek, jaw'	(a)moka 'cheek'
*na '1SG'	nø(p)
*ni, *nu '1PL free pron.'	no-güp
*na- 'eat'	(Wambon en-)
k(o,u)ma(n,ŋ)[V] 'neck, nape'	koman
*mb(i,u)t(i,u)C 'fingernail'	betit
*imbi 'name'	üp
*apa[pa]ta 'butterfly'	apap
*k(a,o)ndok[V] 'foot, leg'	kodok
*andu- 'to cook'	odu
*mb(i,u)t(i,u)C 'fingernail'	betit
*(ng,k)iti-mangV 'eye'	(?) kerop
*(mb,p)ututu- 'to fly'	(?) bere(na)
*kumut, *tumuk 'thunder'	komöt
*mangat[a] 'teeth, mouth'	magot
*ŋga '2SG'	gu
*mangat[a] 'teeth, mouth'	magot
*mangV 'compact round object'	(Axu mügo 'egg')
*ka(nd,t)(e,i)kV 'ear'	kere(top)
*k(a,o)ndok[V] 'foot, leg'	kodok
*ka(nd,t)apu 'skin'	kotae
*kumbutu 'wind'	kiow
*kin(i,u)- 'sleep'	kinum
*kumV- 'die'	kün
*k(o,u)ma(n,ŋ)[V] 'neck'	koman
*kuya 'cassowary'	(Sawuy kuye)
*kV(mb,p)(i,u)t(i,u) 'head'	(?) xebia(an)
*mVkvVm 'cheek'	(a)moka (cf. Axu moxo pe)
*kutV(mb,p)(a,u)[C] 'long'	(?) guru(op)
*ok[V] 'water'	ok
*k(a,o)ndok[V] 'foot'	kodok

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External links

- [Mandobo at the Awyu–Ndumut research group at VU University Amsterdam](http://www2.let.vu.nl/oz/awyu-ndumut/mandobo.php) (<http://www2.let.vu.nl/oz/awyu-ndumut/mandobo.php>)

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